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**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Congress has recessed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and will return next week. At that time, it will continue work on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002 appropriations measures and will complete action on an FFY 2001 supplemental spending bill.

**FFY 2001 Supplemental Appropriations:** Upon its return, the Senate will debate a \$6.5 billion FFY 2001 supplemental appropriations bill (S. 1077). Most of the funding (\$5.5 billion) is slated for defense. The bill also includes \$300 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The bill includes a provision offered by Senator Harkin (D-IA) rescinding \$160 million from unspent FFY 2001 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker funds to help finance increases in LIHEAP and education programs. An additional \$57.5 million is taken from the National Reserve, which is used when states spend their entire dislocated worker fund allocation.

The National Association of Counties and the County are opposing proposed funding cuts in WIA, which is one of the County's appropriations priorities identified in the Federal Legislative Agenda adopted by your Board on February 6, 2001. The County also opposes the rescission of WIA funds to offset increased funding for LIHEAP because it would result in a net Federal revenue loss for California. The State receives over 17 percent of all WIA Dislocated Worker funds, but only about 4.5 percent of all LIHEAP funds.



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The Senate bill indicates that the Appropriations Committee intends to restore the rescission as much as possible for those states that are "spending on an acceptable basis."

**FFY 2002 Commerce/Justice/State (CJS) Appropriations:** Last week, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on CJS passed an FFY 2002 Appropriations bill which rejects a number of the Administration's proposed cuts in state and local law enforcement programs. Notably, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) is funded at \$565 million, which is \$1 million above the FFY 2001 level and is much higher than the \$265 million proposed by the Administration. The bill also includes level funding of \$523 million for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, which is higher than the \$123 million cut proposed by the Administration. Also receiving current level funding is the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant at \$250 million.

The Community Oriented Policing Services Program would receive \$1.01 billion under the bill, an increase of \$158 million over the President's request, but \$17 million less than in FFY 2001.

The bill now awaits full House committee action. No action has been scheduled in the Senate.

**FFY 2002 Interior Appropriations:** Passed by the full House, H.R. 2217, the FFY 2002 Interior Appropriations bill, provides \$2 million to acquire approximately 255 acres of land for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area. The funding would purchase land in the Upper Ramirez Canyon in order to link two of the Park's principal core habitat areas -- the Zuma-Trancas Complex and Malibu Creek State Park. The Committee also directed that the Federal land acquisition be matched by non-Federal monies in the form of new land or new dollars dedicated to the protection of parklands within the recreation area's boundaries.

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed its version immediately before the recess. Information on specific projects in the bill is not yet available.

**FFY 2002 Transportation Appropriations:** Last week, the House passed its version of the FFY 2002 Transportation Appropriations bill (H.R. 2299). As reported to your Board previously, the measure includes several provisions to address the problem of airline delays, such as funding for new technologies which would increase the number of airplanes that can safely land at airports. No date has been set for Senate Appropriations Committee consideration.

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**FFY 2002 Energy and Water Appropriations:** Before the House recessed, it adopted an FFY 2002 Energy and Water Appropriations bill (H.R. 2311). The bill includes an additional \$2 million to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project (LACDA) to grade and maintain the basin within Hansen Dam to enhance and maintain flood capacity. The funds also can be used for other LACDA Master Plan purposes, including recreation and environmental restoration. The bill also provides \$400,000 to the Army Corps of Engineers to continue the feasibility phase of the Coast of California study in Los Angeles County. The funds would be used to study long-term shoreline changes in order to plan and design future shore protection projects. No date has been set for Senate Committee consideration.

**Energy Issues:** Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Bingaman (D-NM) has announced a series of seven hearings on energy issues in July, followed by a mark up of comprehensive energy legislation beginning on July 25. The legislative vehicle for the mark up is not yet available. Senator Bingaman has introduced two energy bills (S. 596 and S. 597) that focus on conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy sources. The House also may mark up a competing bill this month which would contain a number of the President's proposals, including increasing energy supply and developing infrastructure to deliver energy.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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